

# House File 340 - Introduced

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the characteristics of a victim of a hate  
2 crime and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1620HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 729A.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 "Hate crime" means one of the following public offenses  
1 4 when committed against a person or a person's property because  
1 5 of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion,  
1 6 ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual  
1 7 orientation, age, or disability, or the person's association  
1 8 with a person of a certain actual or perceived race, color,  
1 9 religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation,  
1 10 sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability:

1 11 EXPLANATION

1 12 This bill amends the definition of "hate crime" to include  
1 13 an assault, individual rights violation, criminal mischief, or  
1 14 trespass committed against a person or a person's property  
1 15 because of the offender's bias against a person's actual or  
1 16 perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin,  
1 17 political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or  
1 18 disability.

1 19 The penalties for an assault in violation of individual  
1 20 rights involving a hate crime range from a serious misdemeanor  
1 21 to a class "D" felony and penalties for trespass in violation  
1 22 of individual rights involving a hate crime are classified as  
1 23 either a serious misdemeanor or an aggravated misdemeanor.  
1 24 Penalties relating to the crimes of arson pursuant to Code  
1 25 chapter 712 and criminal mischief involving a hate crime are  
1 26 classified and punished as an offense one degree higher than  
1 27 the underlying offense.

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